



Intervention & Prevention Organizations

Catholic Charities

(408) 938-6731

Mexican American Community Services Agency

(408) 928-1122

Bill Wilson Center

(408) 243-0222

California Youth Outreach (CYO)

(408) 280-0203

Got Choices Program

(408) 287-4170 x 218

Safe School Campus Initiative (SSCI)

(408) 277-4643

Crime Prevention

(408) 277-4133

Crime Stoppers

(408) 947-STOP (7867)

SJPD Gang Hotline

(408) 293-GANG (4264)



COUNCILMEMBER IN BUDGET FIGHT TO MAKE PUBLIC SAFETY NUMBER 1 PRIORITY

The City of San José once prided itself on being the “Safest Big City in America,” but we lost that title last year. Our city streets have been plagued with violent crimes, especially homicides and gang violence. We cannot continue to ignore this problem, and we must make public safety our city’s number one priority.



Last year, we had a spike of 36 homicides—the highest in ten years—sixteen of which were gang homicides. This year alone, we have had 13 homicides, and nearly half of those have been gang related. Compared to 2007, there have been twice as many homicides in the first three months of this year alone, which puts us on a pace to reach 70 homicides by the end of this year.

At a February press conference, I called on the mayor to make public safety a priority in his Mayor’s March Budget Message. The Mayor’s response was to add 15 new police officers assigned to property crimes, community policing and traffic calming. The 15 officers are a small fraction of the 500 new sworn and non-sworn officers requested by the police chief. In his budget message, he did not specifically recommend one additional dollar for more police officers to help solve homicides, violent crimes or to combat gang violence.

We need to join together as a community to ensure our city’s leadership does not put public safety in competition with other city services, jeopardizing the safety of our neighborhoods. I ask you to please write or e-mail the Mayor and City Council asking them to make public safety our city’s number one priority! It is only with your help and your voice that we can be successful.

CITY COUNCIL SAVES COMMUNITY JEWEL FOR ALL TO ENJOY

I am proud of the vote the City Council took to adopt an open, community-driven process that will allow our residents to shape the future of the Mexican Heritage Plaza. With the community’s involvement, we can be assured that the Plaza will continue to operate as the cultural jewel of the Mexican-American community in East San José.

The City Council’s recommendation allows for the Mexican Heritage Plaza to keep its doors open to the community. The City will oversee the operation and management of the Plaza



IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Department	Phone
Call Center	535-3500
Police Non-Emergency	3-11
Anti-Litter/ Anti-Graffiti	277-3208
Animal Care	501-2130
Code Enforcement	277-4528
City Arborist	277-2762
Crime Prevention	277-4133
Drug Hotline	971-DRUG
Transportation	277-4304
Environmental Services	277-5533
Hazardous Material	277-4659
Housing	277-5431
Neighborhood Development Center	392-6771
Parking Enforcement	277-5545
Vehicle Abatement	277-5305
Volunteer San José	277-4477
Gang Hotline	293-GANG

Neighborhood Development Center

1601 Foxworthy Avenue

San José, CA 95118

Telephone: (408) 723-4114

E-mail: ndc@sanjoseca.gov

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- * Leadership and Neighborhood Organizing Trainings
- * Neighborhood Organizing Assistance
- * Technological and Information Resources

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until a qualified organization is selected during a 15-month process. In the mean time, the current tenants will be allowed to continue offering their services to the residents of East San José and the greater community.

During the 15-month process, city staff will develop a community planning process, a membership drive, and establish a 13-member steering committee

In addition, the 13-member steering committee will develop a business plan for the Plaza and develop the criteria for the future operator of the Plaza. Staff will report regularly to the Community and Economic Development Council Policy Committee, which I serve as the Vice-Chair, to provide updates on the progress of the Council recommendations. The City Council requested that this item come back to the Council in both 9 and 15 months, which gives the community an ample opportunity to provide input on the future of the Mexican Heritage Plaza.



COUNCILMEMBER OPPOSED CORRECTIONAL FACILITY PROPOSED IN EAST SAN JOSÉ

Over the past few weeks, my office received many telephone calls and e-mails regarding the proposed project by Leaders in Community Alternatives (LCA), Inc. to use the former Marguerite Terrance building at 10 Kirk Avenue for a State Female Community Correctional Center.

Mayor Reed and I sent a letter to the State expressing our concerns and opposition to the project. It is simple—the project is inconsistent with the goals of our neighborhood revitalization strategies and incompatible with established neighborhoods in the surrounding area. These types of facilities are necessary, but it is important that they are located in areas that have minimal impacts to the surrounding community. It is important that factors, such as the property location in residential areas and its proximity to schools and religious facilities, are considered prior to selecting a site. The City of San José has an effective, open and transparent community outreach policy so that our residents can express their thoughts on development before a project moves forward.

On March 24th, LCA contacted my office stating that they had sent a letter to the State, formally withdrawing their application to use 10 Kirk Avenue for a female correctional center. I would like to acknowledge the Alum Rock Neighborhood Coalition (ARNC) for their proactive work on this project. ARNC's engagement in this project is a great example for other neighborhoods. YOUR participation in the legislative process on issues affecting YOUR neighborhood is important.

I encourage you to engage in your neighborhood by participating in a neighborhood association and/or in the Strong Neighborhoods Initiative (SNI) Neighborhood Advisory Committee.



COMMUNITY MEETING: PRESENTATION ON THE CITY'S BUDGET

Please join Councilmember Nora Campos, Mayor Chuck Reed and the City Administration for a presentation on the City's budget. Residents of Council District 5 are strongly encouraged to attend this important meeting where you will have the opportunity to provide your input on the budget. The City of San José is facing a budget deficit of \$22.3 million in Fiscal Year 2008/2009, so it is critical that your voice is heard.



**Wednesday, April 30, 2008
6:30 pm—8:30 pm**

**Mexican Heritage Plaza
1700 Alum Rock Avenue
San José, CA 95116**

**If you have any questions, please contact
(408) 535-4905 or district5@sanjoseca.gov.**

GREAT AMERICAN LITTER PICK UP— DON'T LET LITTER TRASH YOUR COMMUNITY!

Please join me on Saturday, April 12, 2008 to VOLUNTEER for the annual Great American Litter Pick Up event. District 5 residents are encouraged to meet at Plata Arroyo Park basketball courts, corner of King Road and McKee Road.

Schedule:

Registration: 8:00 am—8:30 pm

Clean up: 8:30 am—11:30 am

Celebration Lunch: 12 pm—1:00 pm

For more information or to sign up call: (408) 277-3208.

PLATA ARROYO PARK RE-DEDICATION

**Plata Arroyo Skate Park Re-Dedication
Saturday, April 5th, 2008 , 12 pm-1 pm
Corner of King Road & McKee Road**

Please join me, the City of San José and Lids for Kids Campaign for the re-dedication of the Plata Arroyo Park on Saturday, April 5, 2008. A safety video will be shown along with a melon demonstration to illustrate the importance of wearing a helmet. A BBQ and helmet give-away will follow the re-dedication ceremony.



**CONGRATULATIONS
TO
SUPERINTENDENT
NORMA MARTINEZ**

Alum Rock Superintendent Norma Martinez was selected as an Administrator of the Year in the category of Superintendent by Region 8 of the Association of California School Administrators (ACSA). ACSA Region 8 encompasses Santa Clara County. Ms. Martinez has been an educator since the 1970's when she started her career as a kindergarten classroom teacher and later as a middle school teacher. Since then, Superintendent Martinez has played key roles in education, including resource teacher, university teacher trainer, Bilingual Director, Director of State and Federal Projects. With Ms. Martinez's leadership and the hard work of teachers, administrators, and support staff, student achievement increased more than 15% in the last several years.

*Congratulations
Superintendent Martinez!*



**Councilmember
Nora Campos**

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Neighborhood Associations & Groups in Council District 5

Association/Group	Meeting Location	Time	Date
Alum Rock Neighborhood	Joseph George Middle School	7:00 pm	Last Thurs.
ANA/Poco Way	Arbuckle Elementary School	6:00 pm	3rd Tues.
CAFHA	Rancho del Pueblo	6:00 pm	1st. Thurs.
CGDNA	Capitol Park Neighborhood Center	6:30 pm	2nd Tues.
CNA	Hank Lopes Community Center	6:00 pm	3rd. Weds.
EAST VALLEY/680 NAC	Emma Prusch Park	7:00 pm	3rd Thurs.
ESJNA (formerly Dorsa NA)	Dorsa Community Center	6:00 pm	2nd Weds.
GATEWAY EAST NAC	Pal Stadium (inside the TAB office)	6:30 pm	Last Thurs.
LNA	Lyndale Elementary School	6:30 pm	3rd Weds.
Los Sueños HOA	Rancho del Pueblo	6:30 pm	Last Thurs.
MAYFAIR NAC	Mexican Heritage Plaza	6:00 pm	Last Thurs.
Mt. Pleasant Neighborhood	3411 Rocky Mountain Drive	6:30 pm	1st Weds.
PANA	Mexican Heritage Plaza	6:30 pm	3rd Weds.
PPNA	Mt. Pleasant Elementary School	7:00 pm	3rd Thurs.
SAUNA	Mexican Heritage Plaza	6:00 pm	3rd Mon.
SNA	Alum Rock Youth Center	6:30 pm	3rd Weds.

EAST SIDE UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 2007-2008 CESAR CHÁVEZ WRITING AND ART CONTEST

Congratulation to the participants of the Cesar Chávez Writing and Art Contest.

Andrew Hill

Writing:

1st– Jonathan Ho
2nd– Tiffany Por
3rd– Kathy Khuu

Art:

1st– Heather Le
2nd– Edgar Olazaba
3rd– Anh Kieu

Evergreen Valley

Writing:

1st– Kimberly Ngo
2nd– Vivian Tran
3rd– Kayla Sanchez
Art:
1st– Mandeep Banwit
2nd– Andrew Bayudan

Foothill

Writing:

1st– Monica Balcazar
2nd– Jessica Wilson
3rd– Chris Beal
Art:
1st– Chad Cunningham

Independence

Writing:

1st– Ashley Nguyen
2nd– Khuyen Do
3rd– Adriana Swancy

James Lick

Writing:

1st– Lin Tran-Phuong
2nd– Carmen Estrada
3rd– Earvin Buckner

Mt. Pleasant

Writing:

1st– Isaiah Dugall
2nd– Karina Thompson
3rd– Jill Mendoza
Art:
1st– Theresa Lee
2nd– Brittany Orona
3rd– Nichelle Nicolas

Oak Grove

Writing:

1st– Jeannie Tran
2nd– Lauren Dickinson

3rd– Robert Martin

Art:

1st– Jamie Milan
2nd– Lany Chantharak
3rd– Randy Tran

Piedmont Hills

Writing:

1st– Rachel Tien
2nd– Bianca Cung
3rd– Elena Chit

Art:

1st– Josephine Huynh
2nd– Gina Huynh
3rd– Emily Lu

Santa Teresa

Writing:

1st– Joanne Tabora
2nd– Brent Melton
3rd– Noor Ali
Art:
1st– Med Williams
2nd– Joseph De La Riva
3rd– Bethany Williams